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5 **Applicant:** Flam **Paper No.:** N/A
Application No: 10/036,591 **Group Art Unit:** 2176
10 **Filed:** 11/7/01 **Examiner:** Robert M. Stevens

Title: *Graphical User Interface for Automated Process Control*

15 Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Response to a non-final Office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

20 **Summary of the prosecution**

Examiner mailed a first Office action in the above patent application on 10/20/2004. In the Office action, for purposes of examination, Examiner has set the Priority date of the application to the filing date of the application (i.e., 11/7/2001) stating that Applicant has not meet the conditions to claim priority from U.S. Application 09/930,698 and U.S.

25 provisional Application 60/225,532. Examiner further objects to the drawings of the application as failing to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.84(q) and 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5).. Examiner has additionally rejected claim 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Examiner has further rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

30 The Examiner has additionally rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Examiner has also rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Texier, U.S. Patent 5,119,476, *Method for generating dialogue-windows visually displayed on a computer-screen* and equipment for

35 implementing this method as applied to claims in view of U.S. Patent 5,812,133, Schultz, et al., *Industrial controller with display of rung execution* Applicant is amending claim1 to overcome the rejection of claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 101, amending claims 1 and 9

to overcome rejections based on 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and traversing the rejections of claims 1-19 that are based on 35 U.S.C. 103.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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